

GERMAN PLOT TO SWAY CONGRESS ASTOUNDS NATION

Revelations by Secretary of State Lansing Bring Storm of Denunciation.

BERNSTORFF WAS PAYMASTER

Ambassador's Request for \$50,000 Regarded as Indicating That Money Had Been Used Before for Same Purpose.

Washington.—Members of congress, government officials and members of the diplomatic corps have not yet recovered from their amazement at the astounding revelations made by Secretary of State Lansing of the plans of Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, to expend \$50,000 in an effort to influence congress and prevent this country from going to war with Germany.

The revelation of this plot, following the disclosures of other cases of German duplicity in its diplomatic relations with the United States and other countries, had the effect of sweeping away such antiwar propaganda as may still have been alive in the national capital and giving more convincing evidence of the hostile acts which forced the United States into the war.

How Plot Was Revealed.

Here is the statement of Secretary Lansing:

"The secretary of state issues the following statement from Ambassador Bernstorff to the Berlin foreign office, dated January 22, 1917:

"I request authority to pay out up to \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars), in order, as on former occasions, to influence congress through the organization you know of which can perhaps prevent war.

"I am beginning in the meantime to act accordingly.

"In the above circumstances, a public official German declaration in favor of Ireland is highly desirable in order to gain the support of Irish influence here."

Capital Stunned by Revelations.

The publication of this letter apparently revealing the fact that Bernstorff had previously "influenced congress through the organization you know of," actually stunned the capital.

"On the floor of the house, congressmen were denounced as 'suspicious.' It was openly stated by some that they believed their colleagues had received German money.

According to Representative Tom Hefflin, Alabama, he believes he could name 13 or 14 men in the two houses of congress who have acted suspiciously.

Fess of Ohio and Howard of Georgia both declared the German propaganda worked directly, with money changing hands and reaching government officials.

Additional startling revelations of the free use of money by the German government to sustain the German propaganda in the United States will follow Lansing's expose.

These revelations, it was indicated, will corroborate the indictment of the German embassy as the disbursing bureau for propaganda. Certain Irish-American agitators in the country who have allied themselves with hostile German-Americans may expect to be the next objects of the government's attack.

Convicts Count Bernstorff.

The shower of indictments of German clandestine pro-war activities in this country is relied upon by the state department to set at rest all doubt remaining in any quarters that the German government officially through Count von Bernstorff conspired flagrantly, as asserted in President Wilson's war proclamation, to divide the American people on the issues of the war. It is believed by the state department that public opinion, after digesting the contents of the series of exposures, may be depended upon to deal effectively with those who became the catspaws of the German embassy.

The message was decoded by Scotland Yard experts after vain attempts by Americans.

Expulsion might have been von Bernstorff's fate as remotely as 1915 if the state department had then known as much about the secrets of the German code as it knows today.

Other Shots to Follow.

One by one the exhibits in the evidence in the case, it was said at the state department, will be given to the public.

That Americans in high public positions lent themselves to the German embassy's plan to split congress on the question of war, further decided messages in the possession of the government are expected to demonstrate conclusively.

More than one of these well-known persons has been under public suspicion, but proof of their complicity with the German government has not come forth. It is known that evidence of the most damaging and convincing character has finally been obtained by the agents of the government.

Vice President Marshall made a clear-cut statement of his views to

LITTLE THINGS THAT COUNT

The sunshine of life is made up of very little beams that are bright all the time. To give up something, when giving up will prevent unhappiness; to yield, when persisting will cause and fret others; to go a little round rather than come against another; to take an ill look or a cross word quietly, rather than resort to return it—these are the ways in which clouds and storms are kept off and a pleasant and sunny weather secured.

ward German propaganda, following the state department's announcement. "This ought to end forever," he said, "and every doubt in the mind of any American as to the justice of and necessity for this war. It proves that the German government was seeking all along to split us into factions, by corrupt means of necessity, possibly hoping in time to win the war in Europe and then humiliate and subjugate us. He who is not wholeheartedly for the war runs a grave risk of being suspected of getting a part of the fifty thousand dollars. This is an honest congress, and all its members will resent this insult to its intelligence and honor."

Whether the state department is in possession of other evidence indicating the ambassador's activities has not been revealed, but the extraordinary disclosures already made have fixed the belief that agents of the United States government have collected and compiled the entire story of German duplicity and intrigue and that additional chapters will be added.

Knew Plan of "Ruthlessness."

The reference to averting war is taken as an indication that Ambassador Bernstorff had prior knowledge of his government's intention to proclaim a merciless widespread submarine warfare and that he was equally confident that the United States government could not be easily placated by mere promises. The German announcement of its intention to expand its submarine activities was not made public until January 31, when the world was startled not only by the determination to remove all restrictions, but by the statement that it would become effective on the following day. Three days later the United States government had expressed its disapproval by severing relations with Germany.

That the German ambassador knew of his government's intention was assumed by some officials, although at the same time he denied prior knowledge and those in close touch with the embassy were given to understand that he did not approve the course and worked to obtain modification.

Small Amount for Bribe.

It has not been assumed that the ambassador actually attempted to bribe or personally influence any member of congress, and doubt that such was his purpose is supported to some extent by the comparatively small amount of money he asked. Fifty thousand dollars, it was pointed out, would go but a short way toward buying the influence of any congressman. Judiciously expended, however, it might do much in compensating paid agents, such as are now known to have belonged to the elaborate machine Bernstorff had so carefully built up for the production of propaganda and for purposes of espionage.

Search Anti-War List.

As soon as news of the Bernstorff message reached the capital members began a hasty search of the files to find the names of the men who voted against war. While there was no ascription from anyone that anyone of these members was influenced by German propaganda or money, yet it was pointed out that if such influence was exerted, and if it had any effect, the names of those affected would be shown in the lists of those who opposed the war resolution.

"I was forced to the conclusion some time ago," Representative Hefflin said, in discussing the revelations, "that Germany thought we were cowardly people and afraid to fight, but I did not know that we were a corrupt people and would betray our country for German gold."

"The telegram sent by Count von Bernstorff is an admission of the fact that Germany had a corruption fund in the United States for the purpose of carrying on German propaganda."

"If members have acted in suspicious fashion by the introduction of resolutions or bills or by speeches in congress or out of congress, that leads to the conviction that they are not loyal to this government at this time, they ought to be investigated, and if found guilty, they ought to be expelled from the floor of this house and from the floor of the senate of the United States."

Propaganda Still Lives.

Senator Hastings was one of the first to make a declaration after the state department had made its spectacular disclosure.

"Although Bernstorff is gone," he said, "the spirit of Bernstorff still lives, and I trust the department of justice and the secret service will go to the bottom of this thing and that the organization which has been built up in this country through the efforts of the German government will be rooted out and utterly eliminated."

"This is highly interesting information, but I am not surprised. I myself have an order for \$5,000 to be paid to a certain publication signed by Bernstorff."

"The thing that impresses me, however, is that Bernstorff has been gone for months and yet the propaganda goes on. Now it was apparent long before we entered the war that all of this propaganda was not coming forth by chance. It was clear that it was inspired by some astute, powerful, clever source, and that source was the German government."

"Bernstorff was not the only medium through which money was paid out."

"I have no doubt that millions of dollars have been expended here to influence American public opinion."

"This organization must be destroyed. We must take it out by the roots. It must not be allowed to live here after the war. Otherwise we shall have in our midst propaganda which will influence elections and from which politicians will run this way and that."

"THE LAND OF BLADES."

Japan is called "the land of blades" by its own people, some of the older scholars having declared that the first sword was invented by the same god who invented poetry. A maker of swords in Japan was ever highly honored among his fellow mechanics. An unusually skillful and artistic smith sometimes was recipient of high military rank, a yearly pension or was even raised to the position of the province in which he dwelt.

Fingerprints 1,000 Years Old.

According to E. L. Smith of the Field Museum, Chicago, the taking of fingerprints as a means of identification was used by the Chinese two thousand years ago. A Chinese emperor, it is said, ordered a thousand men to be taken and their fingerprints were used to identify them.

Playing Safe.

First Married Man—What are you cutting out of the paper?

Second Married Man—An item about a California man's securing a divorce because his wife went through his pockets.

First Married Man—What are you going to do about it?

Second Married Man—Get it in my pocket.

War Adventures "Over There"

BY RICHARD BOECKEL

"Where did I get the limp?" Lieutenant — of the Royal Flying corps, repeated my question. "It's rather an interesting story. I got it back of the German lines."

"I was out canoeing on the lake near Chicago when I got the impulse to go over. Without telling my parents I crossed over to Canada and enlisted in the flying corps. There were three months of training and then I was sent to London. From London I sailed back to Chicago, telling my parents where I was. Some pretty hot replies came back, but they didn't reach me in London. It was hotter where I was when the messages arrived, so they didn't have much effect."

"Early one morning we were ordered up in the air to get an ammunition dump some six miles behind the German lines. We were up as soon as it was daylight and headed with two other machines for the place we were to bomb. One of the machines got into trouble before it crossed our lines and had to descend. We saw there was no damage. The airplane volplaned gently to earth. Just a case of engine trouble, so we went ahead. We were subjected to a pretty hot fire when we crossed over the German trenches, but we got across safely and were off to our ammunition dump."

"We dropped two or three bombs on the place and saw it go up in smoke. Then we were ready to return. Just before we crossed the German lines on our return trip Fritz opened up on us with his 'archbalds' as over night, before they are cooked. The product should always be cooked in the water in which it has been soaked, otherwise much food material will be lost."

In cooking dried fruits and vegetables the slower and longer the process the better the results. The long, slow cooking not only makes a much more plump and attractive-looking product but lends a better flavor.

Directions for cooking dried fruits and vegetables are summarized by Miss Addie D. Root of the University of Missouri college of agriculture, as follows:

1. Wash the product. 2. Soak several hours, to replace the water which has been dried out. 3. Cook slowly several hours. 4. For fruits use as little water as possible and only a little sugar. 5. If it is a fruit which has a fat taste, add a little lemon juice or a little cream of tartar. 6. Chopped nuts may be sprinkled in stewed fruit for variety and to increase the food value.

Great Ararat Not Known by This Name to the Armenians.

Great Ararat, which looms up about 17,000 feet into the Armenian sky and looks down on the lands of Russia, Turkey and Persia, although so truly the rallying point, as it were, for the Armenian people, is quite unknown to the native Armenians by this name. The people who actually dwell within sight of its great snow-capped dome, who look out toward it over the plain from Erivan, some thirty miles away to the north, or from the frontier mountain slopes away to the south, call it by a variety of names. If they are Armenians they call it "Massis," if Turks, "Aghri Dagh," and if Persians, "Koh-i-Nuh," or the "Mountain of Noah."

There are really, of course, two mountains, or, rather, there is one vast mass out of which rise two peaks, "their bases confluent at a height of 8,800 feet their summits about seven miles apart." Little Ararat, upon whose slopes it is that the territories of the three kingdoms actually meet, is some 4,000 feet lower than its big brother; but, nevertheless, with its 12,540 feet, it is "none so little."

God Speed You, Soldier Boy!

The nation to arms has called you. Bravely Boy, you have answered the call. And no matter what'er may befall you, We're with you a hundred million all.

God speed you, Soldier Boy: keep you day by day. And bring you back to us unharmed At the closing of the fray. Mothers, dads and sweethearts true, the friends you've left behind Are praying that you, on the battle-ground, Might hear this prayer of cheer. May God speed you, Soldier Boy, to all of us most dear.

Two Scales Used on Camera.

One of the radical features of a high-grade folding camera that has been introduced especially for the particular amateur, and which is described in Popular Mechanics Magazine, is a new focusing arrangement which permits the necessary adjustments to be made before opening the case. The advantage of this refinement will be apparent to the person who is practiced in making exposures under trying conditions that call for speed. The exterior scale is provided on the front side of the case. When the opening button is pressed, the front drops into place and the lens and shutter become attached to the camera automatically, and the camera is ready for use.

Soap is Strongly Alkaline.

One of our able senators was arguing a momentous naval question with an opponent.

"You know I never boast," the opponent remarked during the argument.

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Popular Science.

Five per cent of all storage eggs are spoiled because of minute cracks in the shell. A little more care in handling would save them.

The chimney sweep has persisted longer in Paris than in any other city, but his gradual disappearance in that city is noted now.

The long, silky fiber of the silk-cotton tree, found principally in Jamaica, is extensively used for making stuffing for pillow cushions.

Shark killing is now accomplished with greater facility by means of an electrified wire through which a severe shock is given as soon as the fish takes the bait.

Blind persons are enabled to write letters neatly by means of a gauge which holds the paper and guides the pencil regularly across the surface.

consume enough fresh, canned and preserved fruits. Especially is this true with those in poor circumstances who must buy most of their foods, says an exchange.

Farmers should provide for an abundance of fruits in season; not only should plenty of fresh fruits be available, but there should be enough to can, preserve and dry for future use.

The opportunity for producing fruits for home use is too great to neglect. As a means of providing a wholesome and palatable food supply growing fruits is important. Every farm should have sufficient acreage in orchard to supply the needs of the manager and his family.

A MEAN ADVANTAGE.

Heepack—I love to take my wife out.

Henderson—Indeed?

Heepack—Yes. We go so fast that she's too scared to say a word.

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Had the Pharoah.

One man who appeared for physical examination before a local exemption board recently was asked by the physician if he had ever been sick.

"Yes," said the man. "I've had the pharisee a couple of times."

Careful questioning finally brought out the fact that the man had had the pharisee.—Indianapolis News.

Watching and Waiting.

The attorney for a litigant whose case was about to be called for trial was examining the jurymen as to their qualifications, and was questioning Juror No. 10, says the Indianapolis News.

"What do you do?" the lawyer asked.

"I am doing nothing just at present," he answered.

"How long have you been doing nothing?"

"Oh, for quite a while."

"What did you do before you did nothing?"

"I was watching and waiting."

"In other words," remarked the inquisitor, "you were not doing anything before you did nothing. Is that right?"

"No," I was watching and waiting, as I said.

"Where were you when you were watching and waiting?"

"I was watching at the — Lumber Company, and was waiting at the — hotel."

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Barber Shop for Men.

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"Oh, mother," said the youngster, "didn't know they had barber shops for little birds. Looky, this one has all been shaved."—Indianapolis News.

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